

The Victoria Hospital

Barnstaple

October 15th 98. Surrey

Dear Miss Mason.

My time
has been so broken up
this summer, and I have
been able only to get
a very little reading
done. So I think there
is no use in attempting
the examination in
December. I had rather

give up altogether
than go in for work
badly prepared. I want
very much to take
the whole course if
only. I can take my
time. Only it hardly
seems fair to the
kind teachers to put
off for it - must give
them extra trouble.

I want to tell you what
real pleasure you
"Parents and Children"
has given me. This
summer and to thank
you for writing it.
I have found it so
full of help. And have
gone over it many
times. I want to read
it this winter with
my husband. so that
we may enjoy it together.
I hope you are feeling
better than when
you last wrote me.

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and that you have
had a pleasant holiday.
I took my little boys to
Nazareth for a month.
that enlarged their world
a good deal. But I find
living in Bible land
takes away a good deal of
"reverence". As regards
Bible places, it is just
like every thing else.
Living by faith is easier
than by sight sometimes
I think!

With kind regards
Very sincerely yours
Lydia Mackinnon

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Apr. 16th 1908.

Madam.

I should like to enter for
the Mothers' Educational Course - Will
you kindly tell me if the Examinations
are compulsory, & anything else I
should know about it. I enclose
a cheque for £1.1.0, which I believe
is the Fee for the Course - I am a
member of the P. N. E. U. -

I see it is suggested that the P. N. E. U.
Reading Course might be taken
first - I much prefer to ~~be~~ study
the Home Education Series with the

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books appointed for the Mothers' course. They are not new to me - & what I am most anxious to do is to do some nature study, as my eldest little boy (nearly 3 years) is just the age to be keenly interested in everything.

I took the National Health Society certificate many years ago, is it necessary to take Human Physiology & Hygiene under the circumstances?

My time is limited, as we are in India as workers under the Church Missionary Society, & shall find it difficult to get the necessary reading done. But I am

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most anxious that my children should have all the teaching (especially in nature) that I can give them.

Yours truly

Violet Wigram

The Secretary
House of Education
Ambleside.

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Sera Lemail Khan
Punjab
India

Sep. 22, 18

Dear Madam

I wish to join the
Mother's Educational course
I enclose the fee of one
guinea. I already take in
the Parents' Review but have
no back numbers (if necessary
to the course out here). Would
you kindly let me know where

I can be sure to get at join the course so as to be
 once the necessary text books able to do so on the best
 of wh. I suppose I will get method. The eldest child
 a list as writing home from is $6\frac{1}{2}$ years & till now has
 the Punjab Frontier means done no lessons. I sh^d like to be
 near two months before as to join your Review School.
 answer can be received. I have a set of Preliminary
 My children join me out questions I was given last
 here short & I shall have year; would they be the
 to educate them myself same in use this year?
 for two or three years &

Remain

Yr faithful

P. A. Anderson

W. H. Anderson

c/o H. A. Anderson

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15. Staveley Road

To. Miss Ritching. Poona.
House, Education India.

Dear Madam.

I am very anxious to
join "The Mothers Education
Course" - I have long been a
disciple of Miss Mason's
& desire the greatest help
& benefit from her books -
"Home Education" & "Parents of Children".
I have had & still have a
great deal to do with
working & forming several hands
at home, the Mothers Union

Miss Mason

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her books have given me so
very much help in my
addresses - I have often read
abstracts in illustration of
various points - besides
lending the books a great
deal - & getting those who
can afford it to buy them;
perhaps Miss Mason may
like to know how much
help & pleasure she has
given on this matter, the
glide - besides other places.
I have never formally joined
the Union - though I take in the

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'Parents Review' & I see that
is one of the conditions of
joining the M. P. C. &
the subscription is 10/- (in addition
to the price for the course.)
which includes the Magazine -
Now, I have already paid my subscription
out here - to a bookseller in Boston
for the current year - & with the
postage it comes to rather more than
the 10/- I am anxious to begin
the reading as soon as possible -
as my children will be away
from me in another 3 or 4 years.
I am taking my boy home for good
next year - so may I pay the
price now - join the Union &
pay my subscription to you next

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January. as I do not feel I can
practically pay it twice over in
addition to the fee. I shall be in
hysteria next year - so in any case
would prefer riding ^{the moggie} at home.

I have worked the "Mothers Union"
as my husband being a Chaplain -
I have found it better for parochial
& Church purposes. but I lend
the 'Parents Review' a great deal. &
tell the more educated 'Mothers'
all about it - It was Miss Barnett.
(Clara). an old pupil & most
devoted admirer. Miss Mason - who
first introduced the P. M. P. U. to
my notice. Hoping you will let me
join the M. E. C. at once.
Yours truly
Ella Hatchell

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SUNNYSIDE,

RAWTENSTALL.

May 23.

Dear Miss Mason.

I believe I
should take my M.P.C
Examination in June
should I not?

If it is possible to
manage it could I
take it in the end
of July or in August
instead or would that

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give a lot of trouble? (only I am afraid you
I have had a very
busy winter as there
are not only the
children, & I teach them
myself at present. but
ever since Christmas I
have been giving
weekly classes to the
mill girls of whom I ~~have~~
am very fond -
I should like to tell you

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may hardly have time
to read my letter) how
very grateful I am to
you for the help I
have got through the
P.H.E.U. - I know I have
been immensely helped
in myself & the
children have been
far better taught &
looked after than they

would have been had
I never heard of it - not
only that, but it has
reached out to the factory
girls who have come
in numbers to the lectures
which I should never
have been able to give
without the aid of the
M.E.C. I should think
you must get hundreds
of letters from
grateful mothers - I
know that I should

never be able to
 express half my
 gratitude if I were
 to talk for a week -
 would it be possible
 for me to get a lodging
 or go to an Hotel at
 Ambleside towards
 the end of the summer
 as I should so like
 to see you & the House
 of Education - & I shall

wanting someone to
help me before long.

Yrs very sincerely
Florence Brook

17 p/pneu 29 Cheriton Cottage
Arresford
Hants

April 13th

Dear Madam

I am very
pleased to write to
you concerning the H.E.C.
though I am afraid
I cannot answer your
questions very well as
I have only done the
first-year as yet.

1. It has been a help
to me in telling me

What looks to read & doing it as a course it makes one read when otherwise perhaps one would let other things take up all ones time -

2. I like Miss Mason's books very much. They made me think when I first read them almost more than any other book I have ever read. Physiology has always interested me & the only fault I can find with Dr. Schofield's

Book is that it is so sketchy, I got so interested I had to get other books upon the subject that explained more fully - The ~~Page~~ Mental & Moral part I also liked very much all the books for the first year -

Dr. Abbotts book I am afraid I do not like -

"Bible Lessons -"

The Nature Lore I found very elementary but I may say that the whole years reading has made

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me so interested in all
the subjects, that many
of them I feel sure I
shall go on following
up long after the course
is over.

3. The Examinations I think
are very good. The questions
give such a wide scope -
I am afraid this will
not help you much -

Yrs truly
Dr. J. Carnegie

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6, CARLTON HILL,
N.W.

April 13. 1897.

Dear Madame,

I regret the
unavoidable delay in
replying to your letter.
The M. C. C. has been
of great value to me,
although I have been
prevented from working

steadily for the examinations by having exceedingly delicate babies & other duties to perform which have left me no time for my own reading. I think the course is beyond the average mother, & entails far too much reading

for the busy one.
 The examinations, I think,
 are difficult, & require
 perfectly uninterrupted
 quietness for several
 half-days, & this I
 find impossible to ob-
 tain in a month, far
 less in a week.
 The books I most
 value are:—

Care of Infants.
 Parents' Reviews.
 Carpenter's Mental Physi-
 ology.
 Froebel's Ethical Teaching.
 Apologising for delay,
 Yours sincerely
 Mary Voysey.

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May 5th

Dear Mr. Anson

I have been looking
through my M. P. C. papers &
hope my answers to your
questions may not be too
late to be of any use:-

1. ~~I~~ I have found the course
a help, in introducing me to
a whole world of educational
thought & practice of which
I knew little or nothing. Thus
(a) it has given me self-confidence
in directing the education of

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my children, in choosing
teachers, schools, &c for them
which I could not have felt
before - ~~but~~ (b) I have also found
a great interest in the study
of education for its own sake
apart from the practical
use it may be to myself -
(c) I find that it gives me
interests in common with

other people with whom I
should perhaps otherwise have
no sympathies

In the second place the course
has given a motive & a
framework for systematic
study, which is always so
hard to get into one's day
during the busy years of
one's life -

The sections I have found
most interesting & useful
are Divinity & Nat^l Science
- Physiology one gets a
good deal of in other ways
I think, & Mental & Moral
Science, though interesting, I
find a little "indigestible" (no
doubt one learns more from the
books than one thinks however)

- I think with all these ^{advocates} ² days, there are corresponding dangers to which one should not shut one's eyes - I am sure in these days there is a great danger to some ~~of~~ that in "living for our children" we should ~~forget~~ altogether that we have any other duties at all! - & in the absorbing interest of educating our children we may if we are not careful lose interest in anything else & begin to view all things from the "educational" stand-point.

The Mothers who would be willing to give all their spare time (it does take nearly all!) to the M. L. C. would be the very ones to whom this would

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Is a real danger.

2. In Divinity

"The Historic Faith" Westcott

"The Gospel of S. Matthe." Plumptre

In Physiology.

Coombe's "Physiology"

In Mental & Moral Science & Eduⁿ

Carpenter's Mental Physiology

Triller's Education p.c. Nat^l Standard

Gouin's "Art of Teaching Languages"
"Foreign Languages"

Harley's "Physiognomy" - (given as
examples of good method in teaching)

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"Levana" J. P. Richter
and of course "Home Education"
In Nat. Science

Here I cannot pick out
any books as all are delightful
(perhaps Fowler's "Year with the
Birds" is exceptionally so)
In this section I think the
great advantage of the course
has been the impetus to out-door
observation for myself, more
than the study of any par-

ticular books.

3. The examinations seem
to me very well adapted
to test the amount of thought
& real study which has been
brought to the work - & a
more literal study of the text-
books however careful
would not I think give
good results in the exam-
inations - The standard
of intelligence required seems
to me to be rather high -
So far, of course all is well!
but it also appears to me that
occasionally the wording

of the questions leaves the meaning a little ambiguous. - It is probably my own fault, but I have several times mistaken the meaning of a question -

I am afraid I have said nothing that will throw any new light on the subject - I am so glad you are going to read a paper.

Do you know anything of the ^{boys} new school in connection with the P. H. E. U. ? I see the advertisement in the Apr 1 Review - I think it is most

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interesting - I have long
hoped someone would do
something of the kind - I
long to know all about
Mr. Underhill - & also
what sort of boys he will
get -

With kind regards I am

Yours very sincerely

Blanche Wolryche - Tolstoy

19. Queen's Road

S. John's Wood

n.w.

Oct 29th

Dear Miss Mason

I am so sorry to
hear of your illness,
I hope soon you will
feel stronger, but it has
been a trying season
for all who are not in

good health.

I am very sorry my last examination has been so much the worst, I really hardly know if it is worth while for me to try for the National Health Certificate. It would be no use for me to wait another six months, for

I am not likely to have more time for reading, my invalids seem no better & I am engaged most of the day.

Though I am almost certain to fail, I can't help thinking it would be a pity not to try as I have gone so far. I feel sorry the three

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years course is ended,
though I should not have
time to go on with it, I
feel it has been very
helpful & I am so much
obliged to you for your
kindness in reading the
papers, especially when
you have been ill.

Believe me to remain

Yours sincerely
Maeve Randa
